

To whom it may concern:

On November 16<sup>th</sup> of 2022 we notified cpw of a possible wolf attack on a group of weaned calves at our lower ranch at 7309 county rd. 12w in Walden Colorado.

The calves had been confined in a pen for almost 10 days being weaned and they were waiting to be transported to our feedlot in Ault, Colorado. We were keeping them confined as the threat of wolves attacking has been on everyone's mind, but like any livestock person knows confining animals leads to sickness and it was starting to show up in our calves, so the evening of November 15<sup>th</sup> we let them out into a 20 acre pasture to stretch their legs and naturally clean up their systems, early in the morning a neighbor called and said a large group calves were in the middle of the road so the hired hand put those up and noticed a heifer standing alone at the bottom of the pasture, he notified me (Johnny Schmidt the ranch manager) that one of the animals was injured very badly, we assessed the animal as it was crying and moaning in pain from its injuries, we knew right away it was wolves but wanted cpw to confirm, cpw did come out and confirm that wolves had done the damage that resulted in putting down the heifer down due to her injuries. ( That was November 16<sup>th</sup> it is now march 16<sup>th</sup> and still no reimbursement)

The necropsy revealed that at least 3 to 4 wolves had attacked multiple calves we found 3 more calves that we doctored for 5 days, they had multiple rake marks and noticeable stress induced trauma, they weren't dead but died 10 days later, but cpw will not reimburse for trauma related deaths. The wolves passed by numerous elk, deer, and moose to attack the calves, the amount of man hours and stress is overwhelming, the natural migration of wolves from Wyoming was addressed in Colorado in 2005 by cpw, their stance is a lot different today than it was then. Our budget, our time and our mental stability has been stretched thin to safeguard our private property our children and our animals. Thank you.

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